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**From:** Rob Hawk  
**To:** tac@san.rr.com  
**Date:** Fri, Aug 3, 2007 10:21 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Street Water Leak/5700 block of Soledad Mtn.

Mr. Crabbe: Thank you for the photos. I recall our conversation yesterday regarding an SDG&E Crew that you said detected gas near the repair area; I don't recall you mentioning the water leak. I will pass these along to the Water Department along with a "heads up" about the apparent gas leak, and to our lab.

Thank you.

Rob Hawk

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>>> <tac@san.rr.com> 8/3/07 10:04 AM >>>

Mr. Hawk,

I contacted you yesterday concerning the water main break on the 5700 block of Soledad Mtn. Rd. in La Jolla. The repair area has been leaking for two days. I alerted the city water yesterday and it still leaks water. In our conversation yesterday you asked for pictures. These two will show you new leaks after the fixed water main. Our main concern is stopping anymore damage to the street, and any damage to surrounding areas. Thank you for your help.

regards, Tom

Crabbe

**CC:** Adamos, Ralph; Daoud, Mak; Lokers, Earl; Ruhi, Hossein; Ruiz, Alex; Toth, Christopher







**Jim Fisher - Fwd: Re: Soledad Mtn Road**

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**From:** Alex Ruiz  
**To:** Jim Fisher; Johnny Mitchell  
**Date:** 8/6/2007 10:25 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Soledad Mtn Road

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Jim: Not sure about the situation but it appears as though this is becoming a bigger issue. Can you give me an update regarding the repairs?

Alex

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Assistant Director  
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>>> Thyme Curtis 8/6/2007 9:58 AM >>>  
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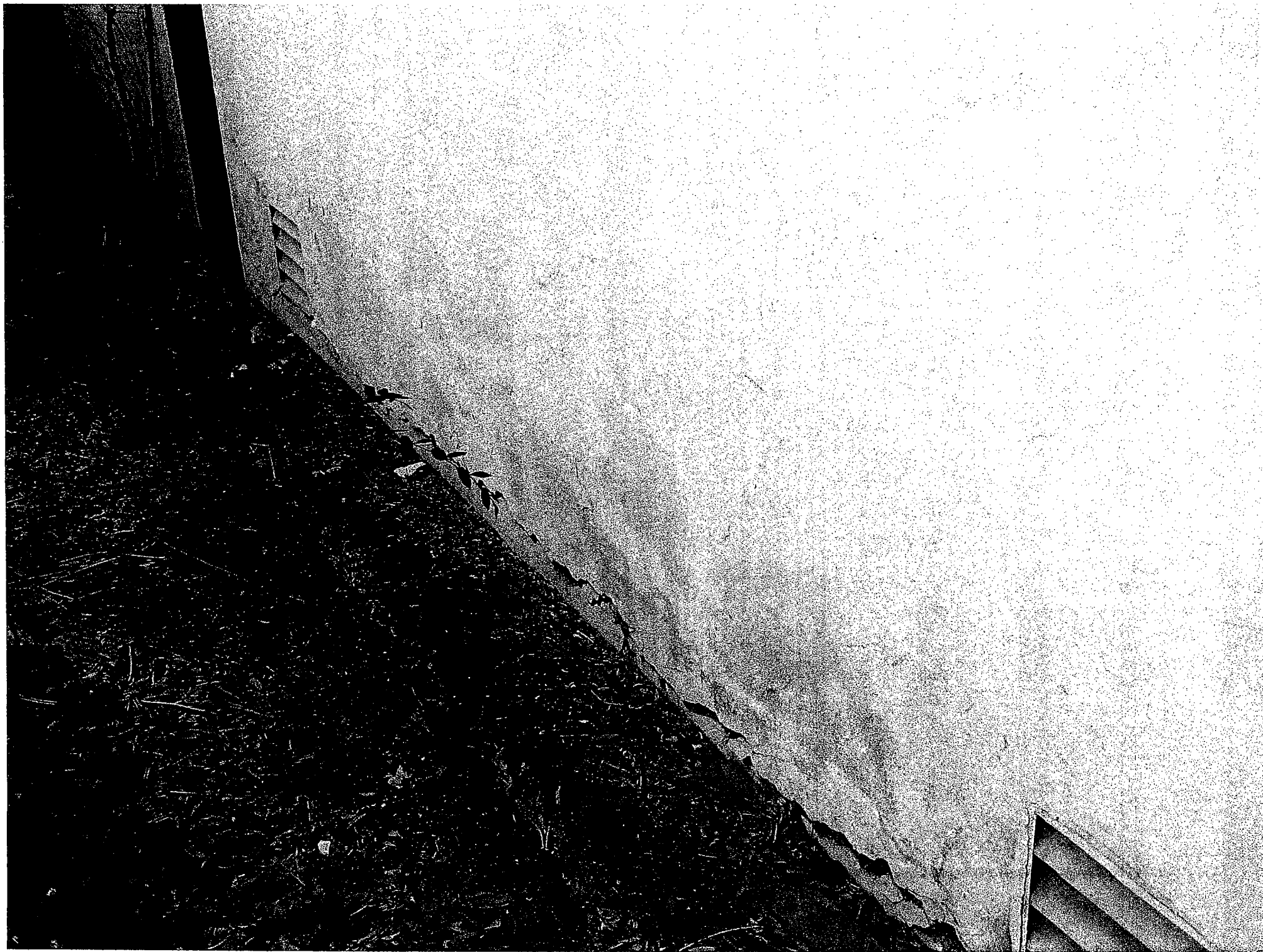
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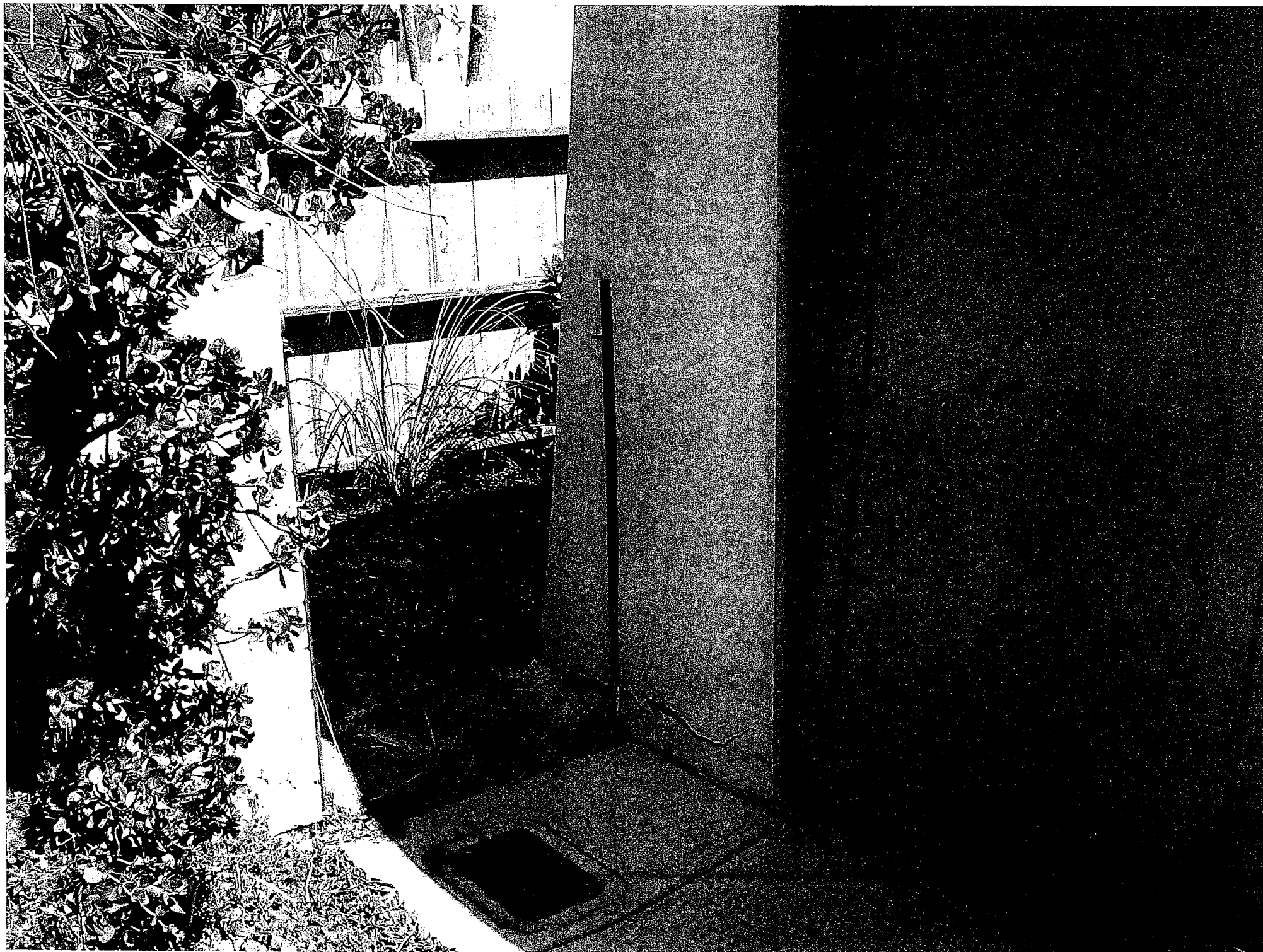
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**CC:** Johnny Mitchell; Richard Haas; Rob Hawk









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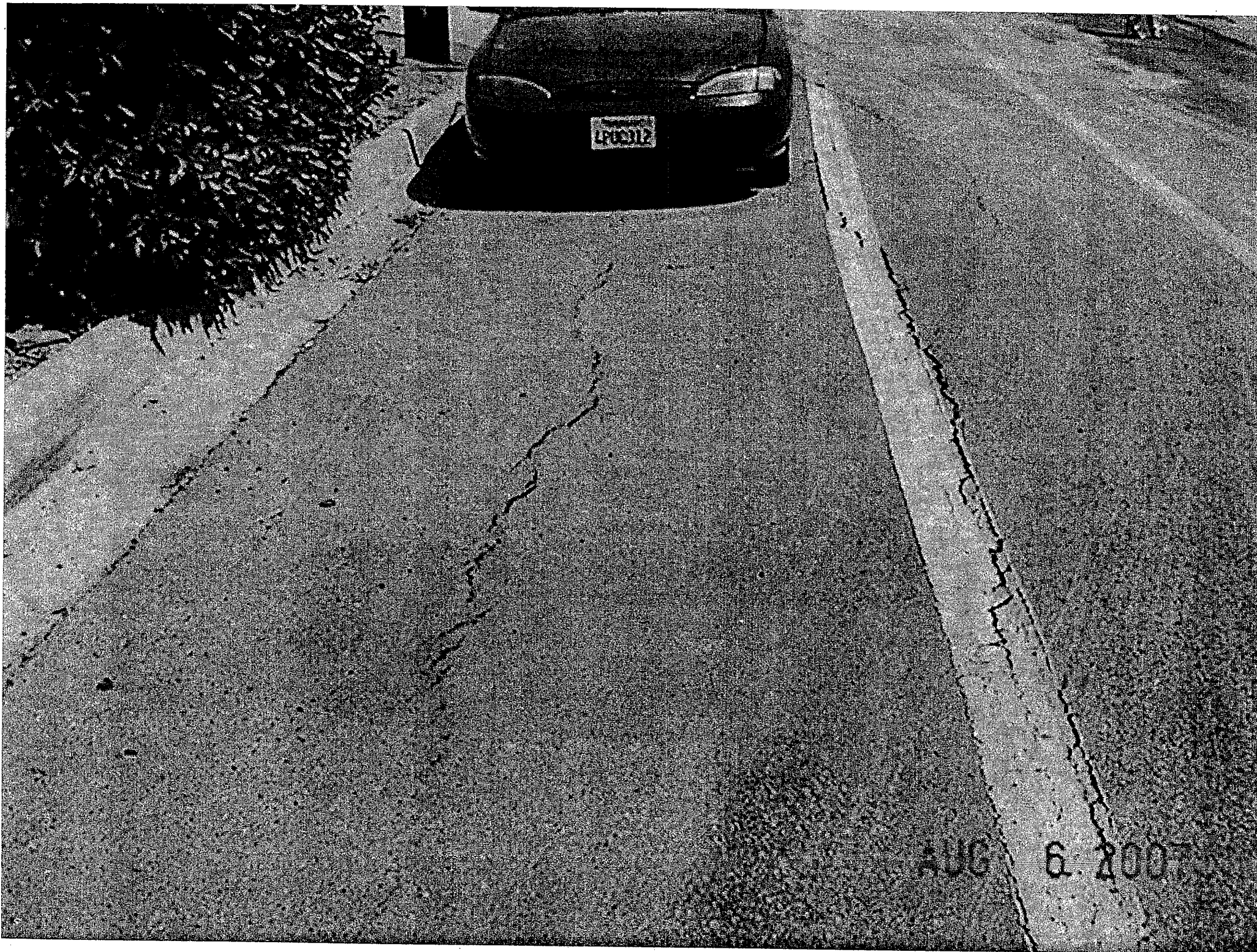
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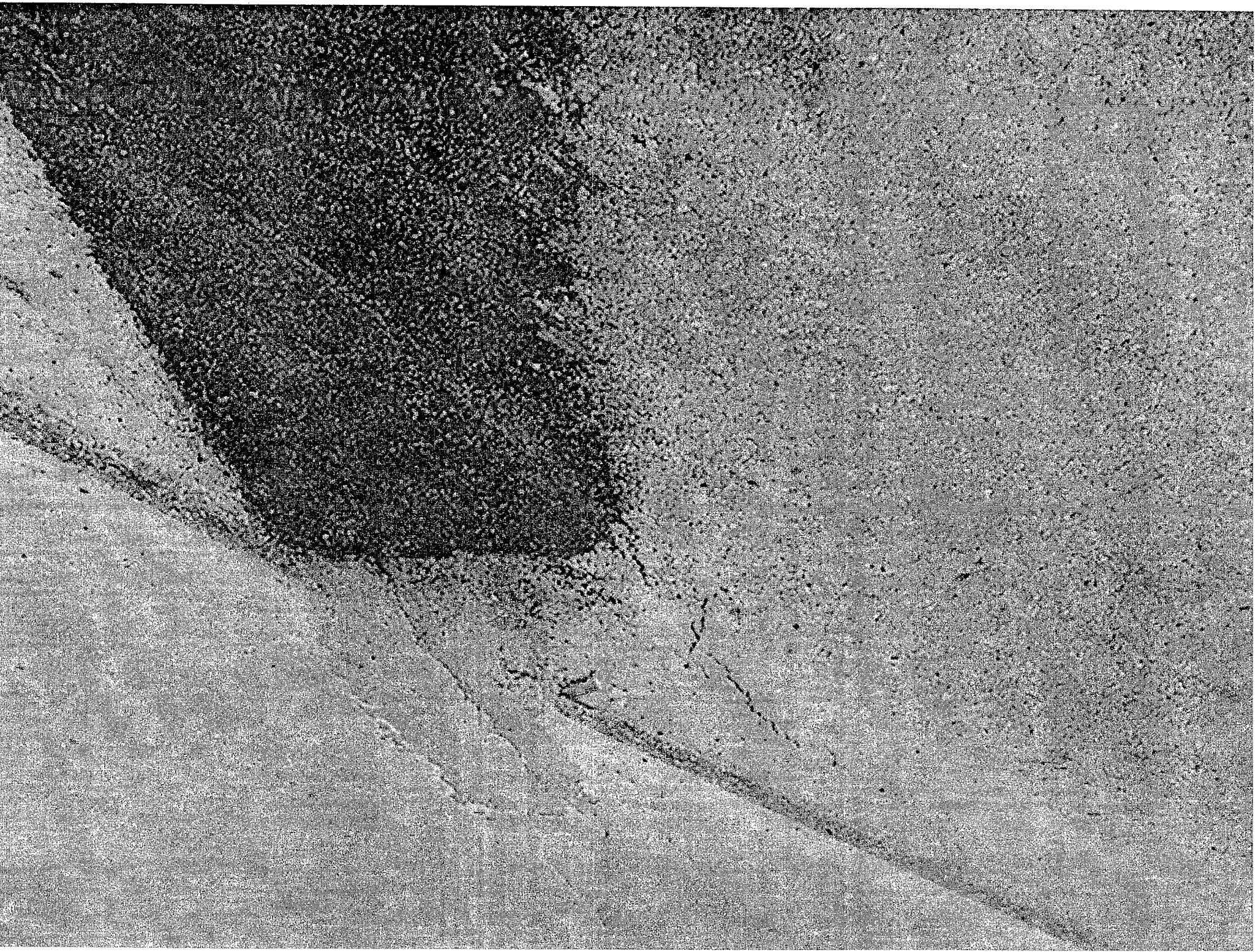
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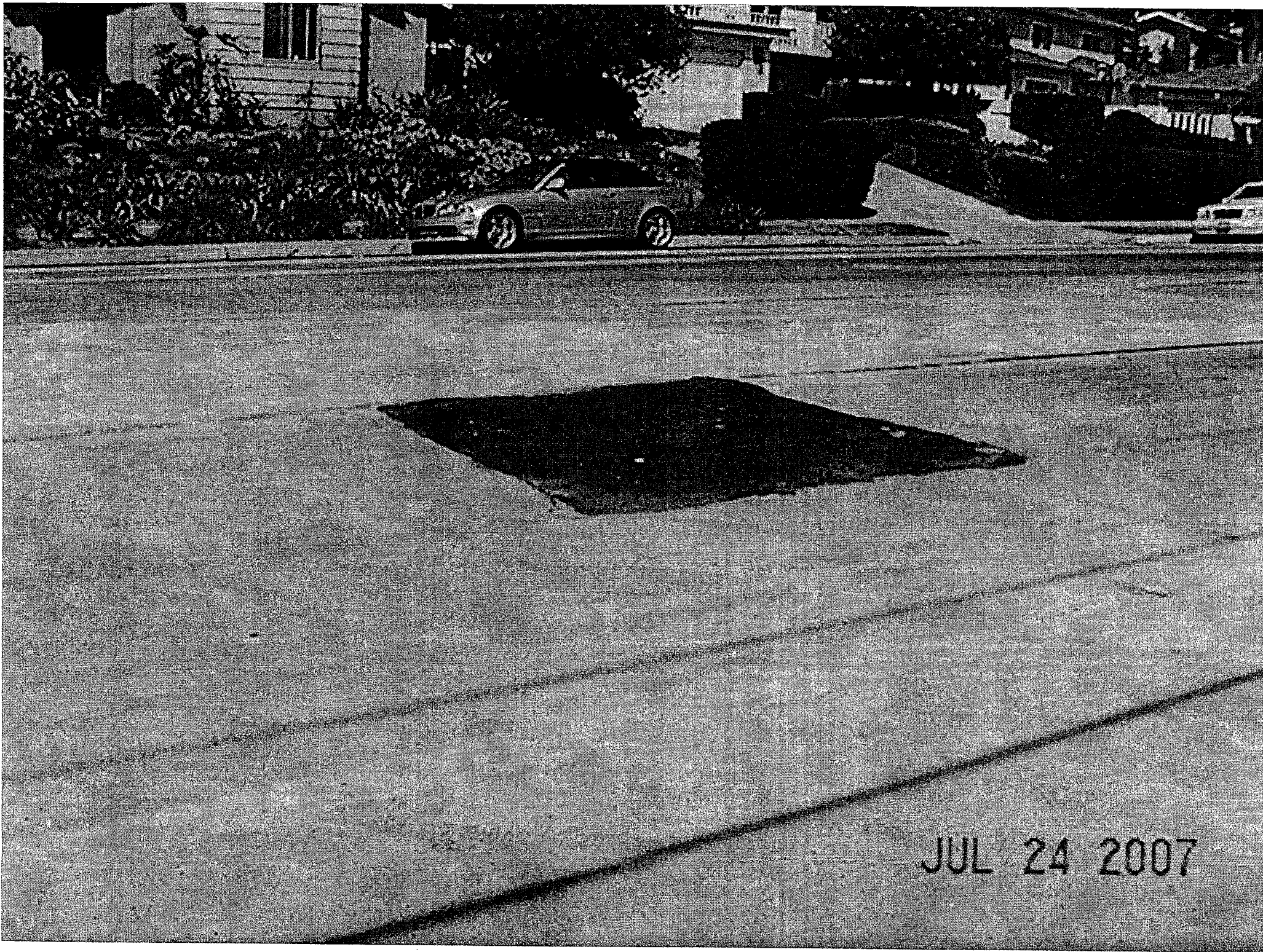
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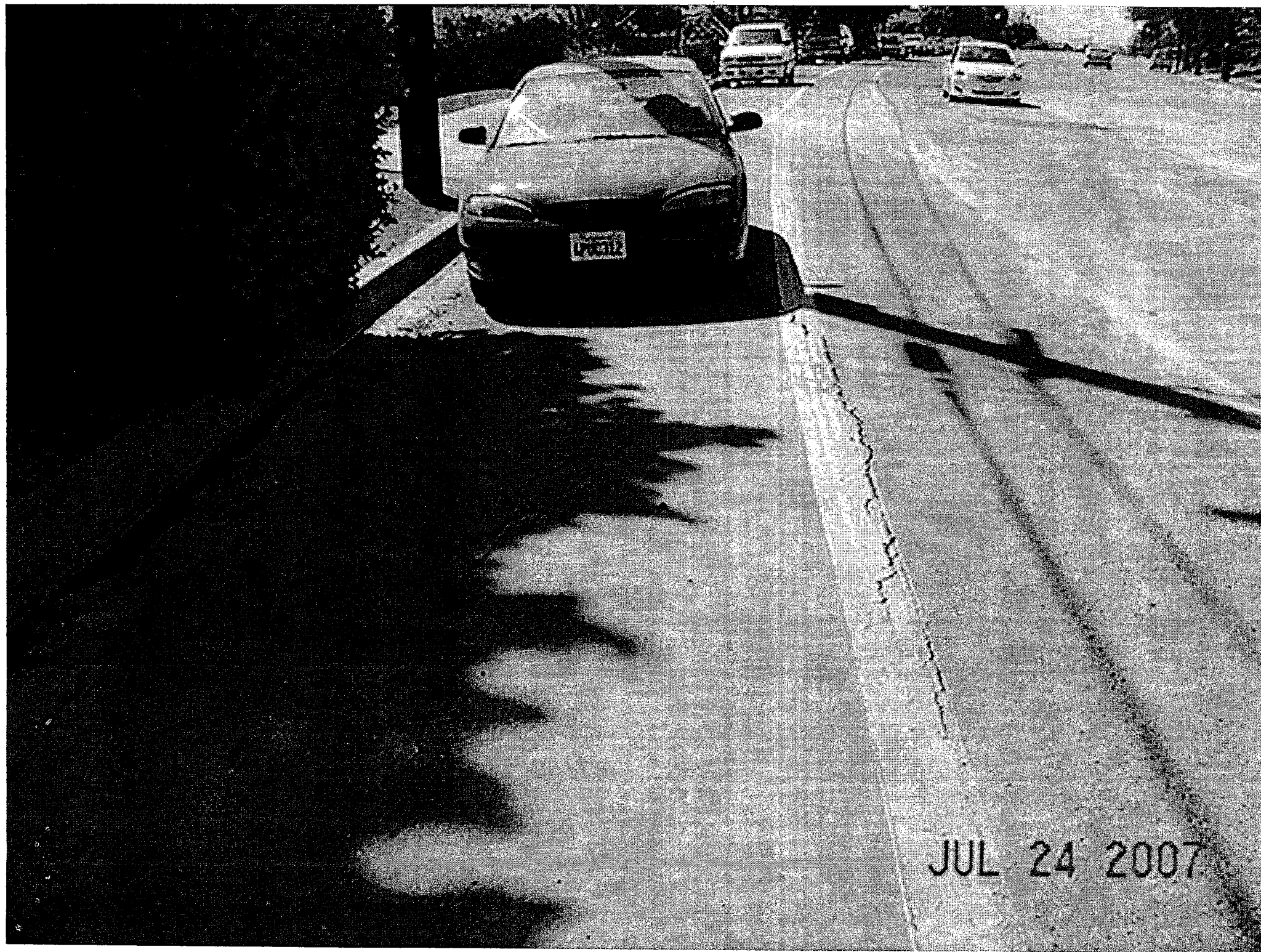






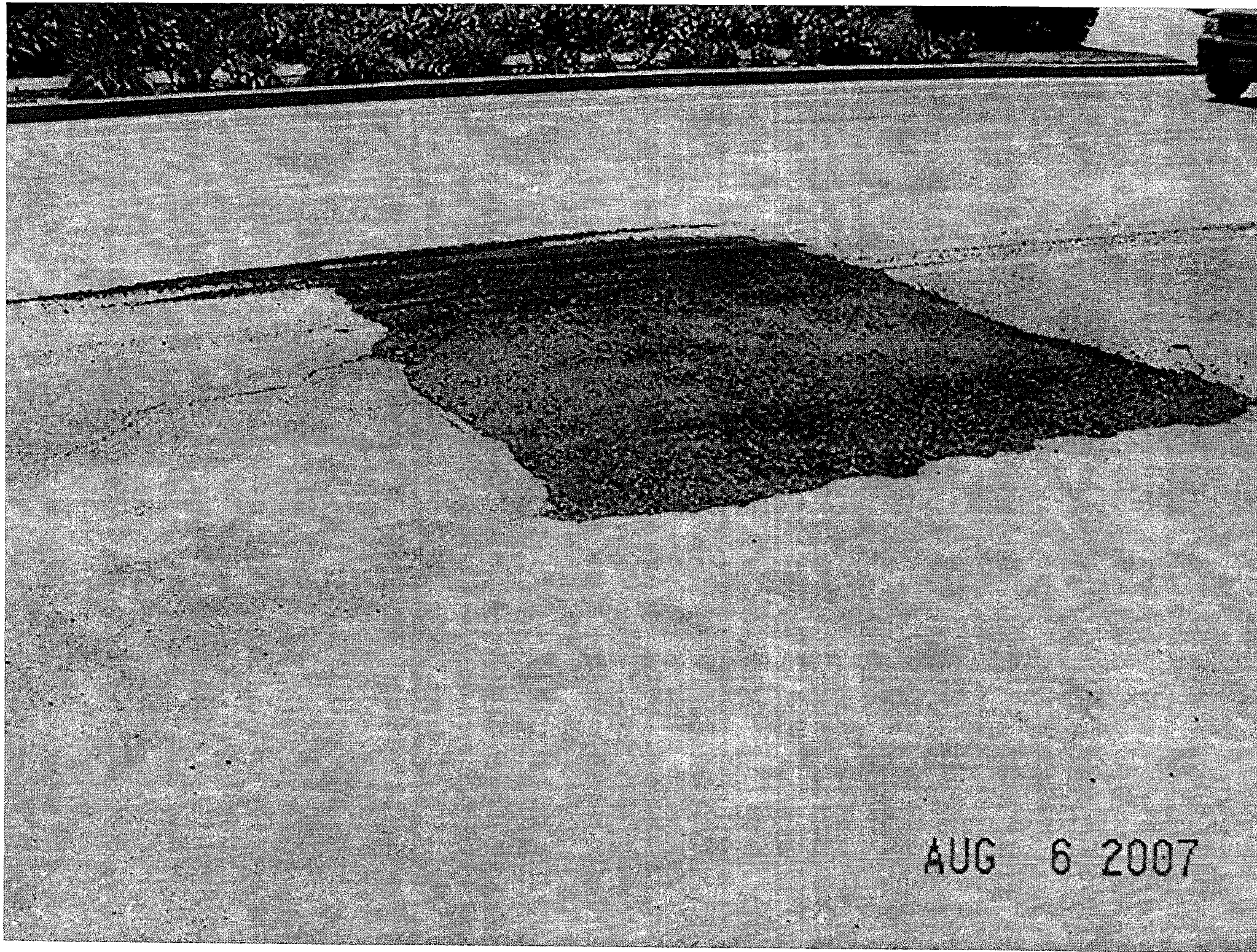
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**To:** Curtis, Thyme  
**Date:** Tue, Aug 7, 2007 10:58 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Soledad Mtn Road

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**To:** Mak Daoud  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 08, 2007 2:32:12 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: 5700 Block of Soledad Mt. Road - Concerns of Citizens

Thanks Mak. and hi to ever body who is copied this email .We have not found any voids under the pavement . Therefor, I am concluding that this is part of a very slow movement/settlement related to water in the sub-grade and/ or trench that has caused and movement and has stopped for now . However, we will keep an eye on it to assure this is the case .

>>> Mak Daoud 08/07/2007 3:49:19 PM >>>

Hi Hossein;

Attached are the coring results for the subject location.

>>> Hossein Ruhi 7/27/2007 10:37 AM >>>

With this email I am asking that our lab do an exploratory coring to see if there is void under the pavement or not . If there is no void then we should prob thru the hole to see if the soil is loose or not . if it is loose then we need to do a n appropriate repair otherwise just overlay the sunken areas .

>>> Robert Ferrier 07/27/2007 10:19 AM >>>

Chris,

Sounds good.

What's the next step re the subsidence?

RJF

>>> Christopher Toth 7/27/2007 9:07 AM >>>

the sewer mains in this area are reported to be in good shape and not structurally impacted by soil movement. Chris

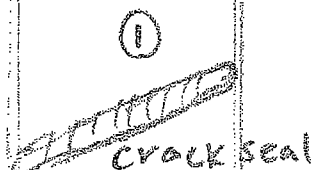
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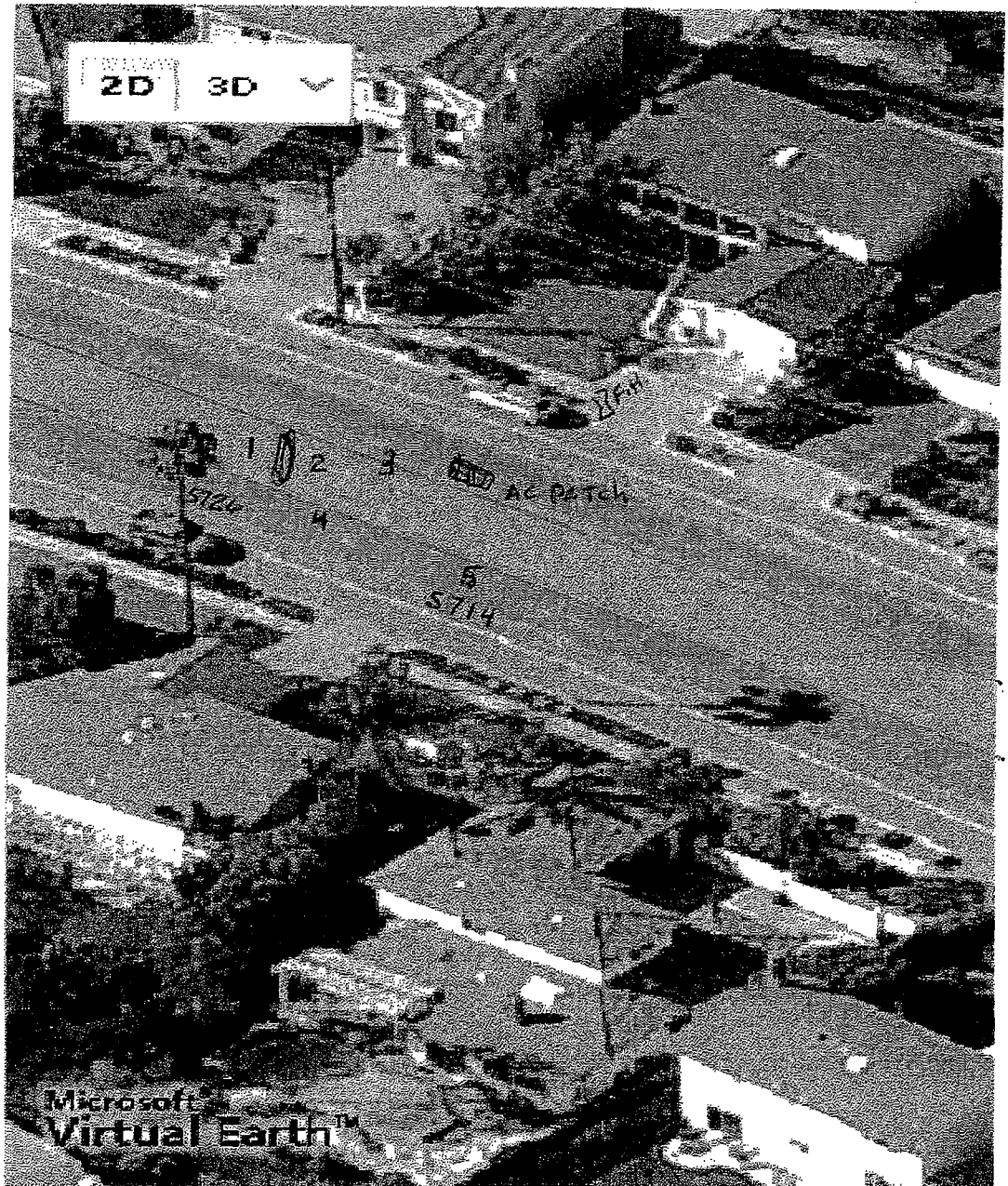
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**Hossein Ruhi - Re: Fwd: Water leakon Soledad mt.rd**

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**From:** Jim Fisher  
**To:** Alex Ruiz; Hossein Ruhi; Jim Barrett; Rob Hawk  
**Date:** August 10, 2007 1:47 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Water leakon Soledad mt.rd  
**CC:** Johnny Mitchell; Patti Boekamp; Stan Medina

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All, We have already given the direction to our field crews that any reported water leaks in the vicinity of 5700 block of Soledad Mtn Rd, need to be address immediately. Jim

>>> Rob Hawk 8/10/2007 1:43 PM >>>

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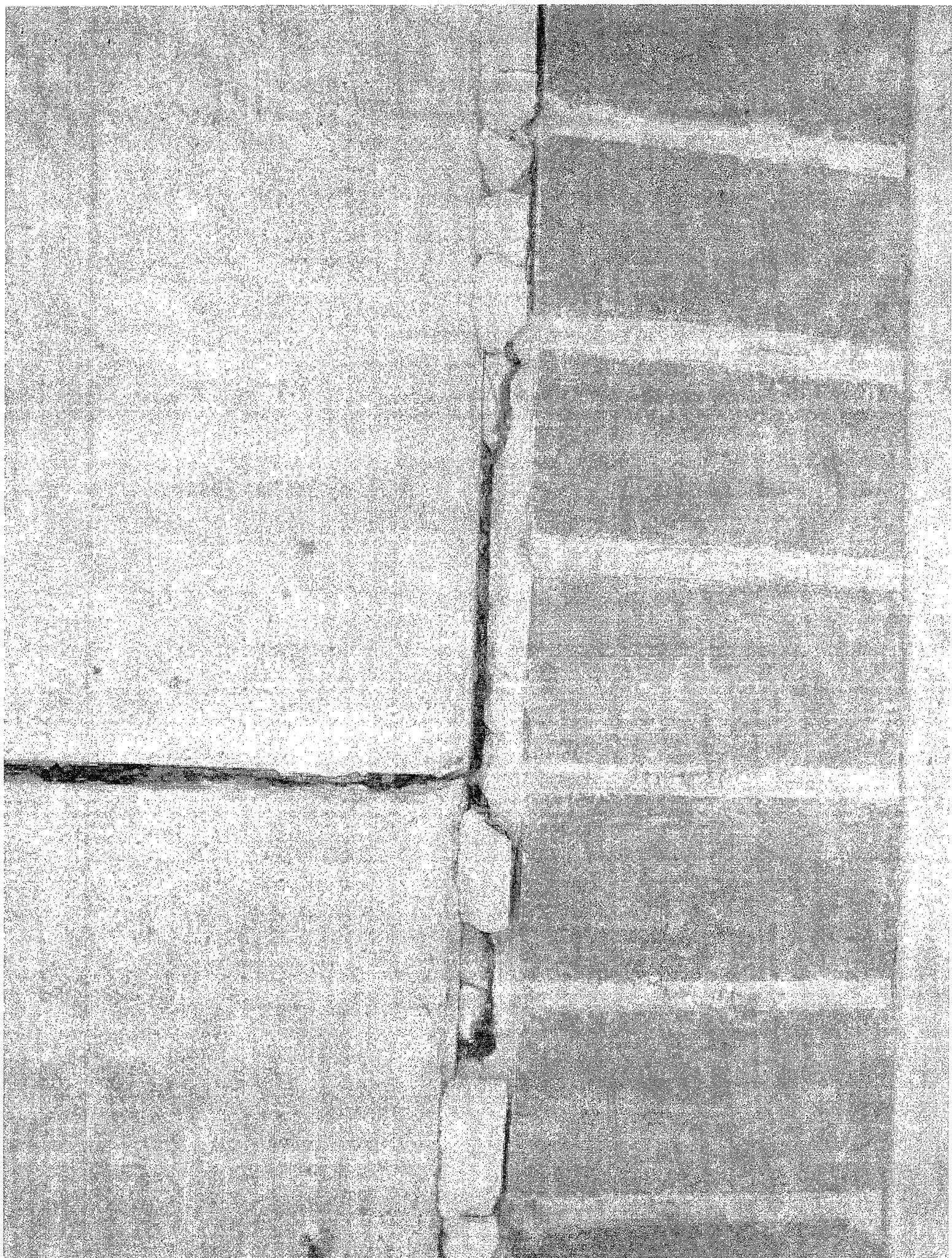
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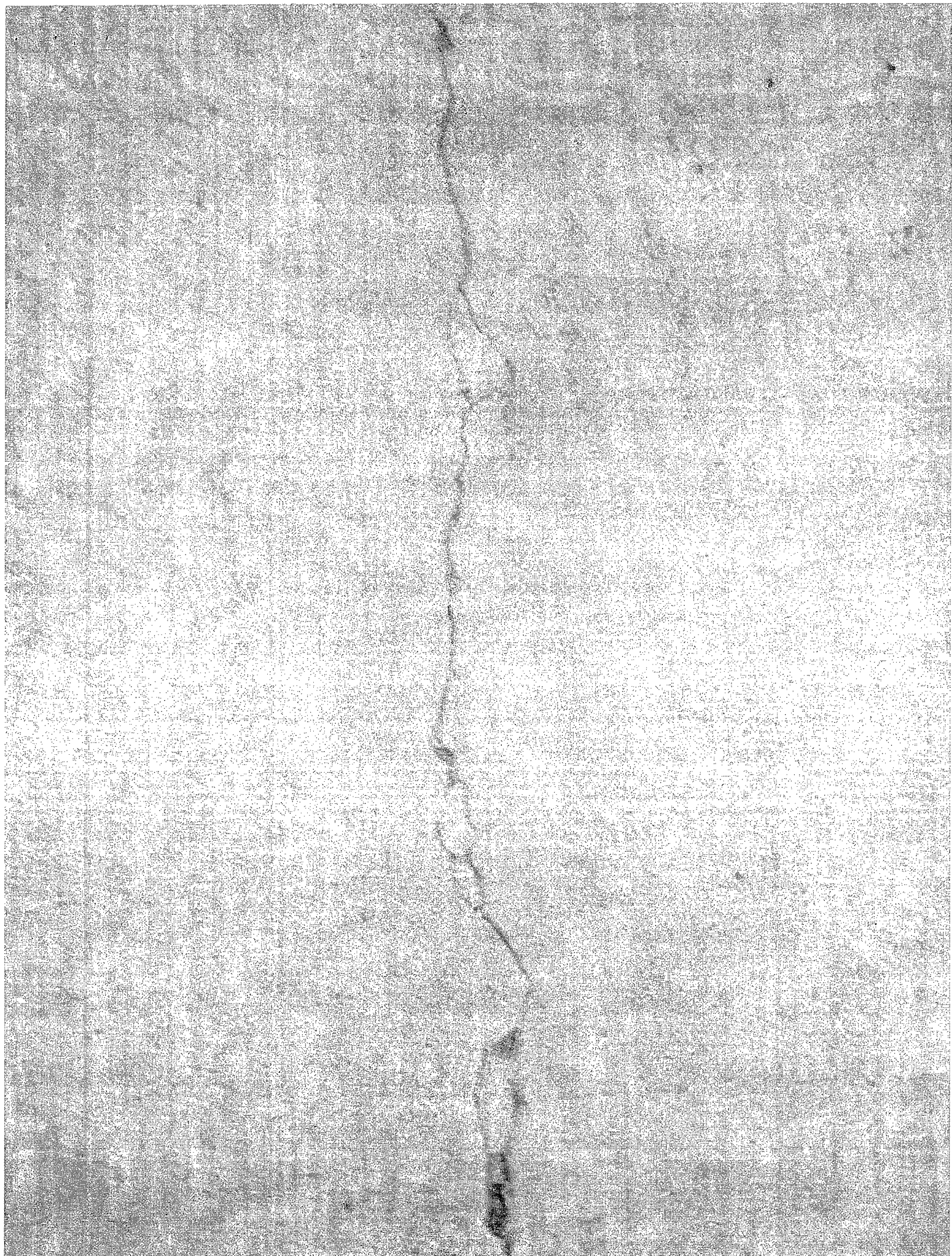
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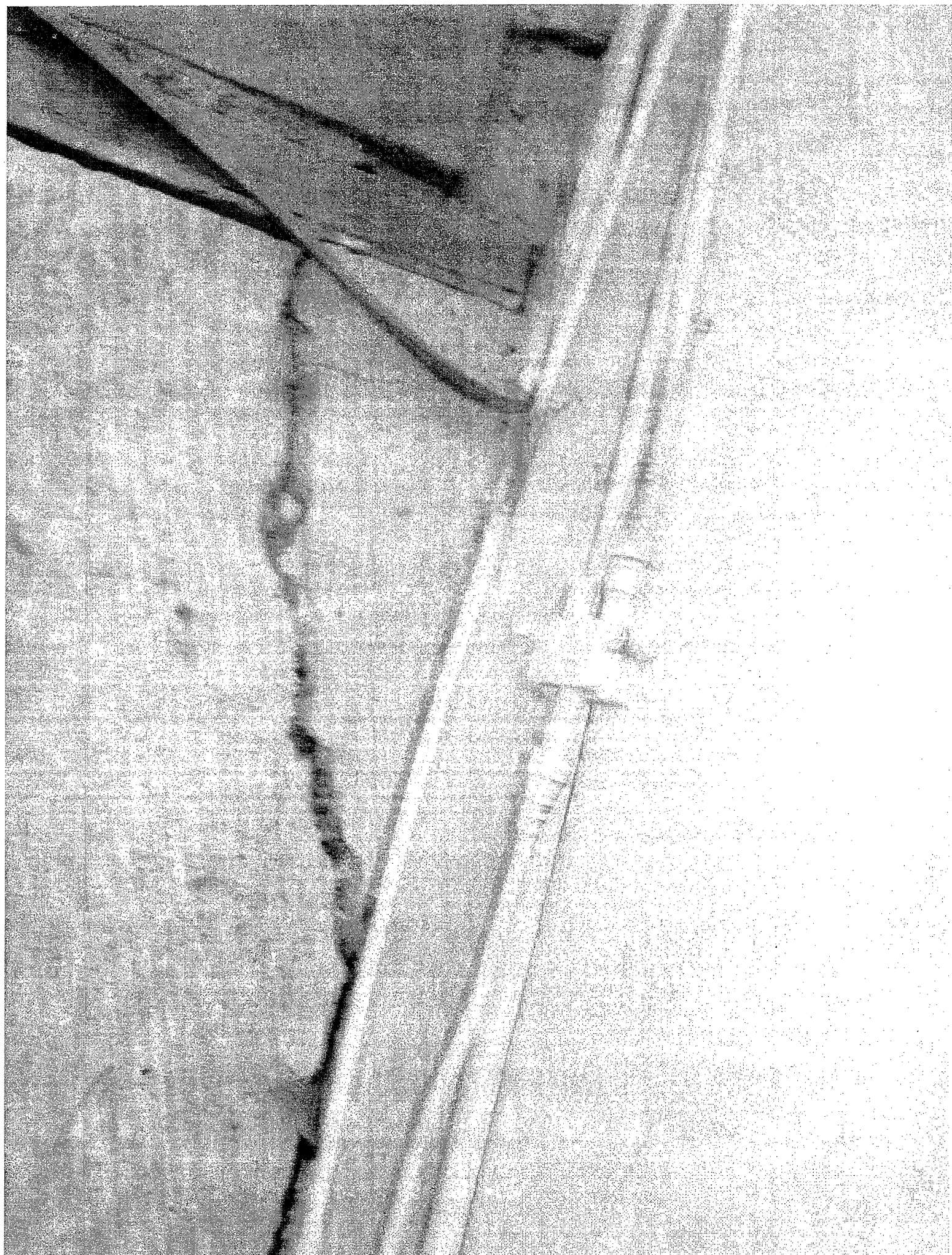
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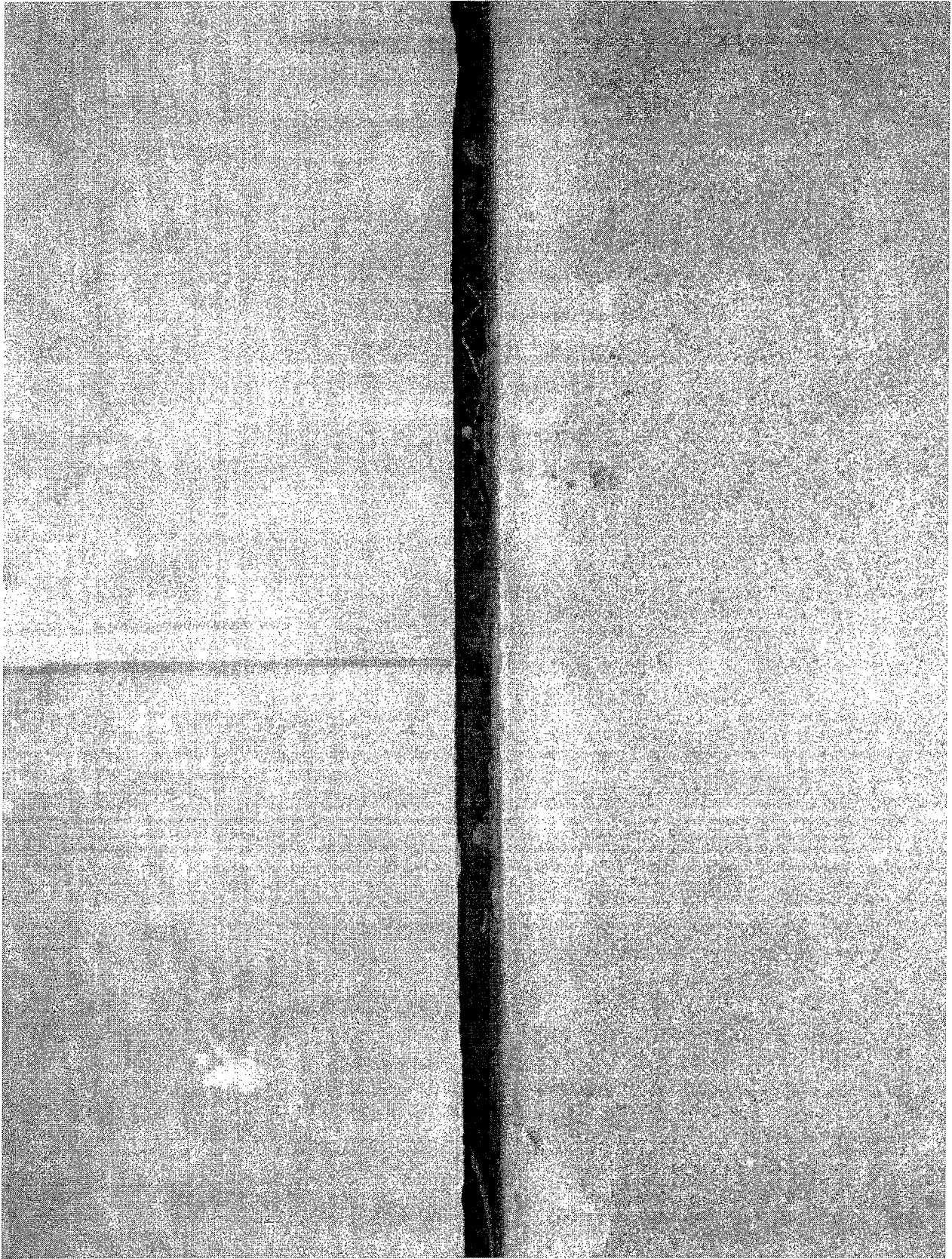














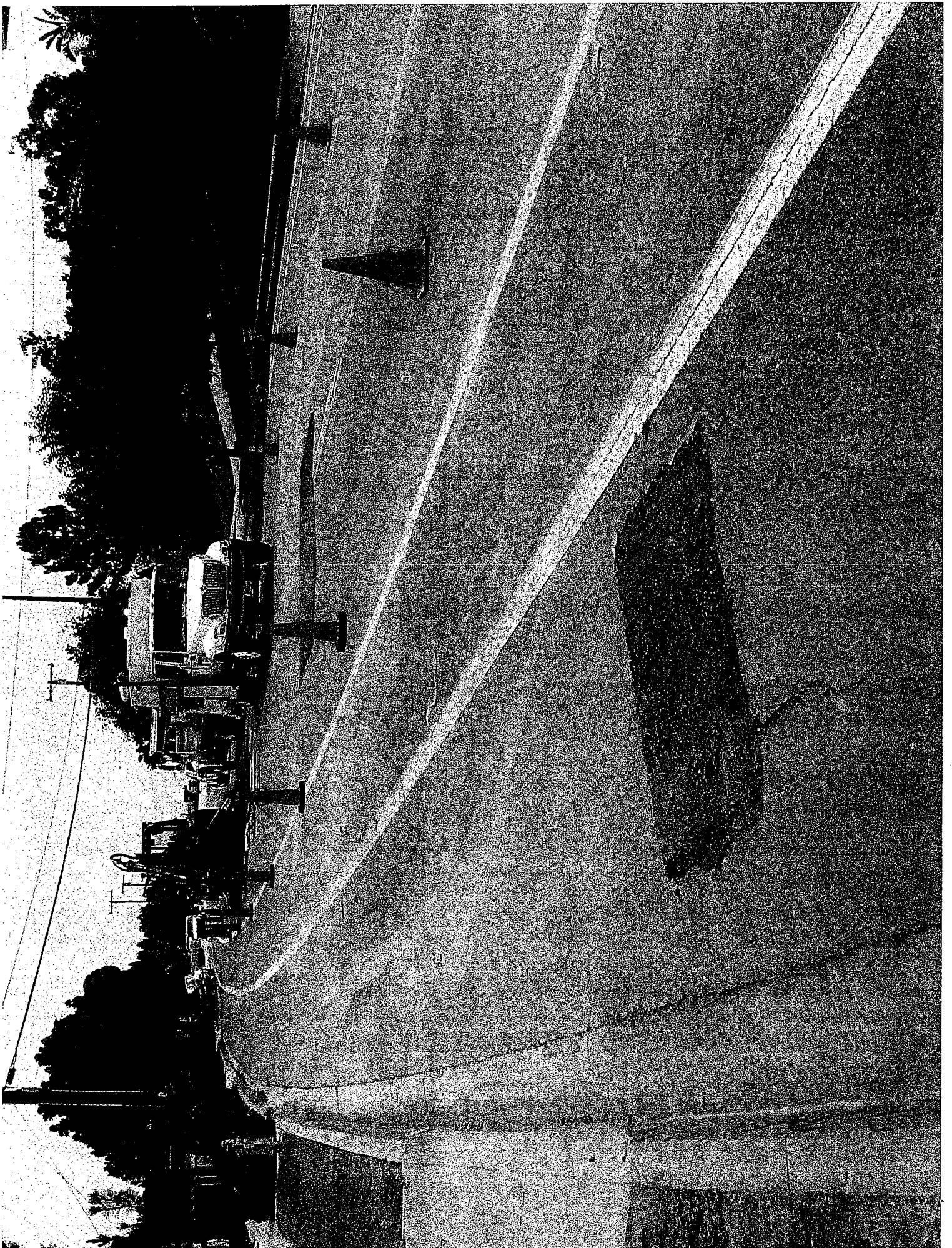


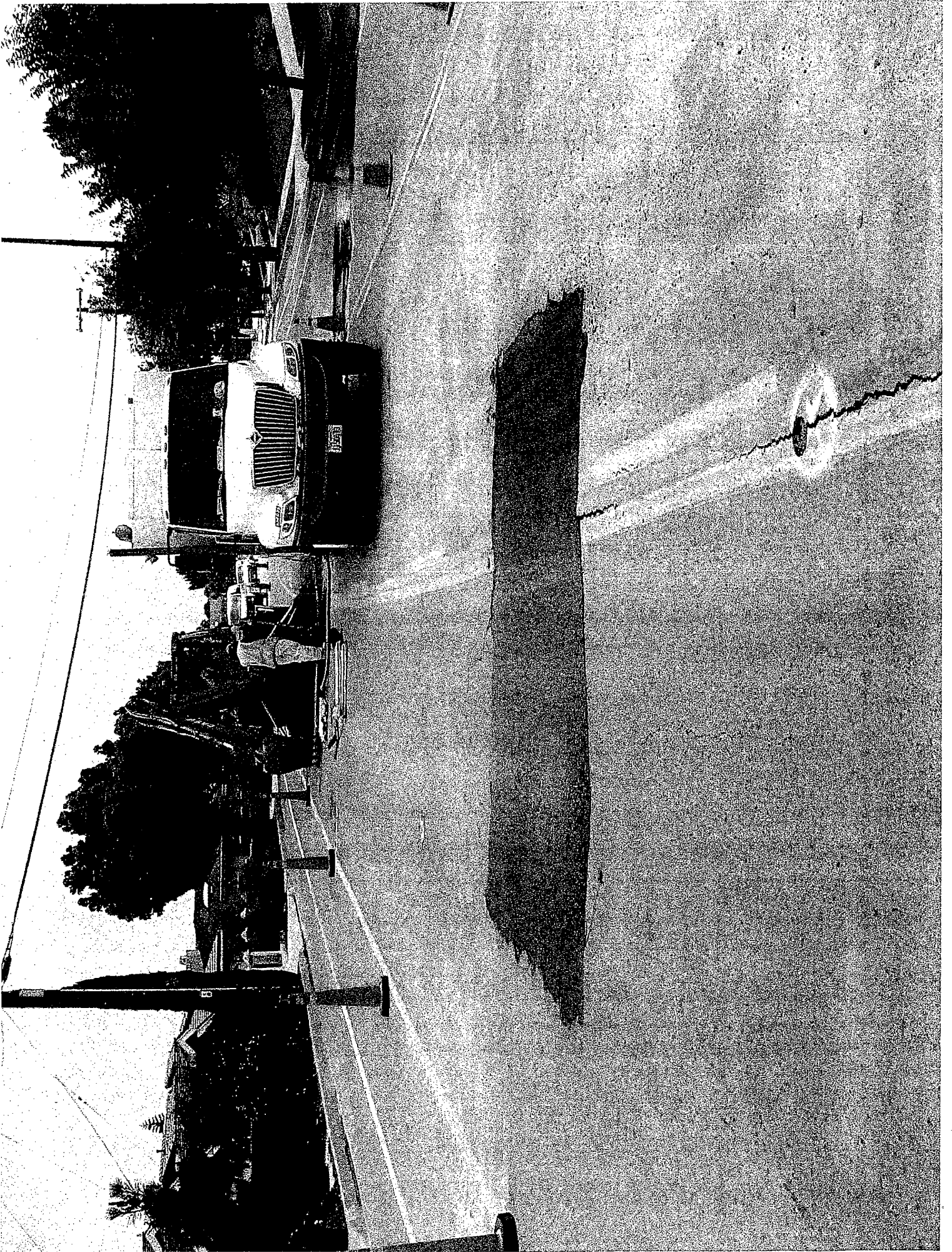


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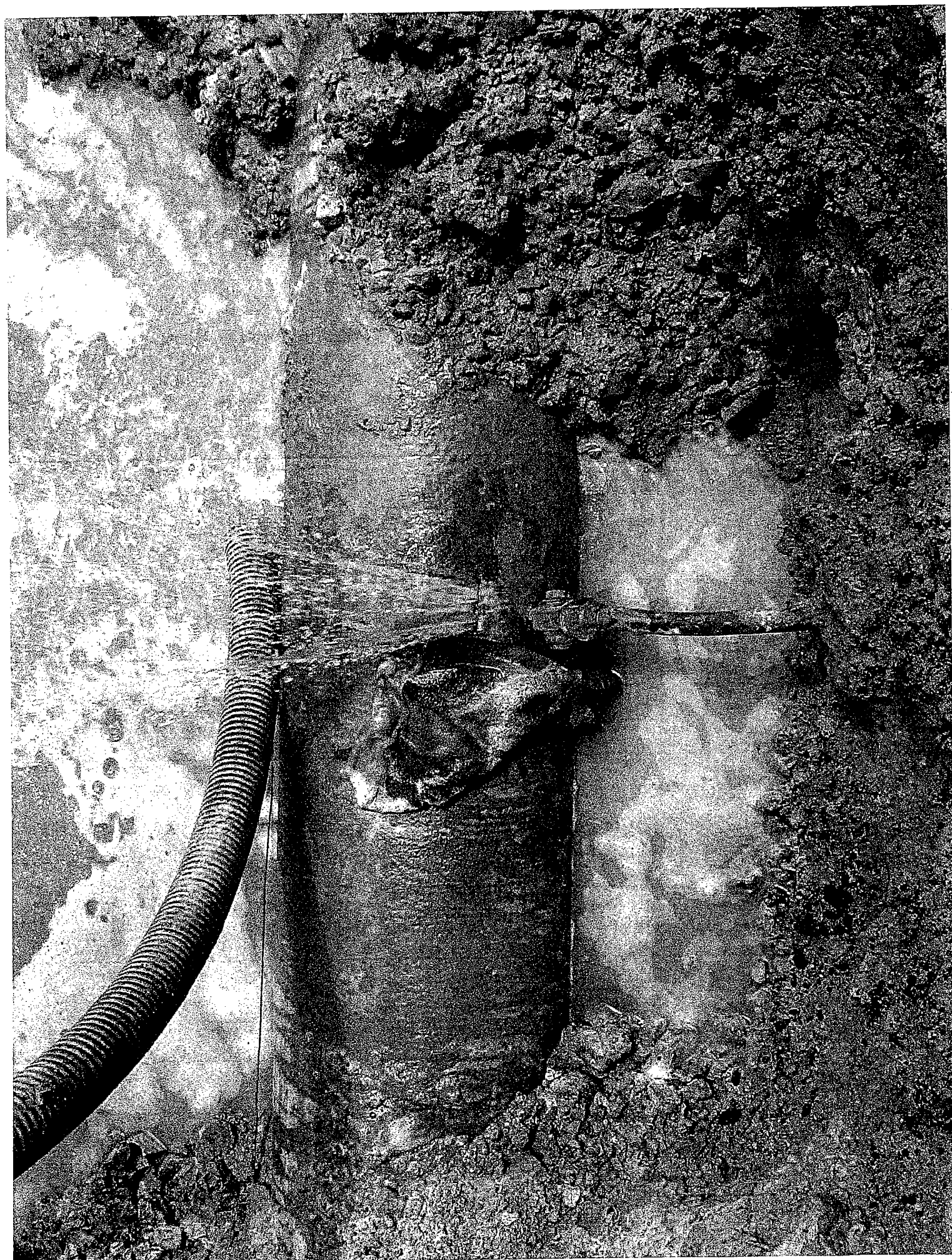
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**CC:** Stan Medina









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**Jim Barrett - Re: Fwd: Water leakon Soledad mt.rd**

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**From:** Jim Barrett  
**To:** Haas, Richard; Jarrell, David  
**Date:** 8/10/2007 4:05 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Water leakon Soledad mt.rd

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Rich/Dave - FYI... soil and slope stability problems within the La Jolla hills continue to challenge our system integrity. jim

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>>> Jim Fisher 8/10/2007 1:47 PM >>>

All, We have already given the direction to our field crews that any reported water leaks in the vicinity of 5700 block of Soledad Mtn Rd, need to be address immediately. Jim

>>> Rob Hawk 8/10/2007 1:43 PM >>>

To All:

I visited the site this morning based on several calls from residents. The water service line pulled the corp from the AC main, causing the leak. In addition, another gas line nearby failed last night. Based on my observations, I do not believe that a threatening life or safety condition exists at this time. However, the temporal pattern of events and some of the distress features to improvements indicate that we need to be concerned about adding water to the subsurface in this area. I recommend any reported water leaks on Soledad Mountain Road or Desert View Drive receive high priority for repair.

I understand that Hossein will arrange a meeting next week with you that should include the Water Department advisory attorney. If you have any questions, please call. My cell is 619-980-7161.

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**From:** Christopher Toth  
**To:** Barrett, Jim; Boekamp, Patti; Ferrier, Robert; Ruhi, Hossein; Ruiz, Alex  
**Date:** 8/13/2007 10:49 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Water leakon Solidad mt.rd

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for info. thanks, Chris

**From:** Robert York  
**To:** Christopher Toth  
**Date:** 8/10/2007 11:28:58 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Water leakon Solidad mt.rd

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>>> Jean Fernandes 8/10/2007 10:35:04 AM >>>

Mike,  
Unit 748 (Frank Garcia) went out to this job SR# 3003524 and checked all the mains in the area our system is 1034. Unit 748 told me that the leak was from a water service at that address. If you have any more questions give me a call Jean.

>>> Robert York 8/10/2007 9:12 AM >>>

Jean  
you on top of this? let me know the findings> ASAP

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**From:** Jim Barrett  
**To:** Fisher, Jim; Medina, Stan  
**Date:** 8/13/2007 11:22:20 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Water leakon Solidad mt.rd  
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Jim/Stan - FYI... info from the darker side. jim

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